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THE REHEARSAL.

1. How *Whiggs* are a *Support* to the *Crown.*
2. How to the *Government.* They Juſtify all *Rebellion*, and make it an *Inſpiration* of *God.* Which is *Blaſphemy* againſt the *Holy Ghoſt.*
3. A Natural *Bar* to *Repentance* in *Rebellion.*
4. They like *Elective* Monarchy beſt. And have ſhew'd their *Averſion* to the *Hereditary.* And Conſequently to the Preſent *Settlement.*
5. They are not the *Preſervation*, but the *Deſtruction* of the *Revolution.*
6. Their *Self-Condemnation* in *Denying* the *Rye-Houſe-Conſpiracy.* They are *Reſolv'd* never to *Repent.*

SATURDAY, *March* 30 1706.

1. *Country-man.* YOU ſhew'd me laſt time, *Maſter*, what *Friends* the *Whiggs* and *Diſſenters* are to her *Majeſty*! But this is *Perſonal.* And in what you then Quoted out of the *Obſervator* of the 2d of this *Month*, Numb. 96. They pretend to more *Merit* than all this. For his words are theſe, *That the WHIGGS and DISSENTERS are the ONLY Friends to her Majeſty, the ſupport of the CROWN, and the Preſervation of the Government.* Now I want to know how they are the *Support*, and, as they ſay, the *ONLY Support* of the *Crown.* For by the *Crown* here I ſuppoſe he muſt mean *Monarchy* in it ſelf, without Reſpect to this or that *King* or *Queen.*

Rehearſ. This wou'd make a *Sick* man *Laugh*! To ſee the open and Profeſs'd *Oppugners* of *Monarchy* call themſelves the *ONLY Support* of the *Crown*! And this ſame *Obſervator* to do it, who, as I ſhew'd you before, *Num.* 88. ſays, there never was any *Treaſon* or *Rebellion* againſt any *King.* For that they all Deſerv'd what they met with, when they were *Depos'd* or *Murder'd*! And his *Companion* and *Commentator* the other *Proteſtant Jeſuit* ſays, That all *Treaſon* and *Rebellion* is the *Inſpiration* of *God*! As I have been Forc'd in mine, *Num.* 25. to *Quote* his Horrid *Blaſphemy*! Becauſe I cou'd not otherwiſe fully Detect the *Fanatick Rage* of theſe *Miſcreants*, as the *Act* of *Parliament* (I have likewiſe *Quoted*) Deſervedly calls them.

And muſt I now Anſwer their Fulſome *Pretences* to *Loyalty*, and their being the ſupport of *Crowns!* And muſt I *Vindicate* the *Loyalty* of thoſe, whoſe only *Crime* it is made that they are *Loyal*, and Aſſert the *Rights* of *Monarchy*? Is not this the whole *Ground* of the *Clamours* of *Obſervators* and *Reviews* againſt the *Univerſities*; and becauſe theſe *Principles* are there taught? For which they call them *Nurſeries* of *Rebellion*, &c.

(2.) *Country-m.* But ther is a third *Merit* of theirs, wherein I ſuppoſe they think they have *Clinch'd* it, that is, That they are the *ONLY Preſervation* of the *Government.*

Rehearſ. It muſt be a ſtrange ſort of *Government* of which they are the *Preſervation*, whoſe *Principles* are againſt all ſort of *Government*, even tho in *Their own* hands! they are no longer pleas'd with any *Government* or *Miniſtry*, than a *Child* is with a new *Plaything.* They know not their own Minds. It is not *Government* they are pleas'd with, but *Change.* And their Pretence of the *Radical Power* in the *People*, gives them an Eternal Handle for new *Changes.*

But of all ſorts of *Governments*, they Hate and Deteſt *Monarchy*, as being fartheſt off Remov'd from the Power of the *People.* And becauſe it is the *Government* of *Heaven.* This *Torments* thoſe *Belials* and *Beelzebubs*, which *Inſpire* theſe *Sons* of *Rebellion.* Which the Holy *Scripture* compares to *Witch-Craft* and *Idolatry*; and St. *Paul* Pronounces *Damnation* to thoſe who *Reſiſt.* But theſe *Blaſpheme* in *Hideous* manner and ſay, it is all the *Inſpiration* of the *Holy Ghoſt*! And that there never was any *Rebellion*, for that a *Tyrant* ceaſes to be a *King.* And that the *People* were always in the Right in *Depoſing* and *Murdering* of *Kings*! St. *Paul* makes it *Damnation* to *Reſiſt* a *Claudius* or a *Nero.* (for in that time he wrote) theſe Men make it *Meritorious*, and the *Inſpiration* of *God*, to *Reſiſt* a *Moſes*, a *David*, or a *Solomon.* The *Jews* Aſcrib'd the *Miracles* of our Bleſſed *Lord* to *Beelzebub*, which was a *Sin* againſt the *Holy-Ghoſt.* But theſe men aſcribe the very *Wickedneſs* of the *Devil* to the *Holy Ghoſt*; which is a *Blaſpheming* him in a much more *Outrageous* Manner. And *Rebellion* has a further *Mark* of this *Sin*, that fewer true *Penitents* are known from this, than from any other *Sin.* Witneſs *Korah*, *Dathan*, and *Abiram*, *Abſalom*, *Sheba* and the *ten Tribes.* I have ſhew'd before, that this was the firſt *Sin* of *Lucifer* and his *Rebel-Angels*, for which no *Repentance* has been Granted them. For it is Diſſolving the whole *Order* of *Heaven* and *Earth.*

(3.) And there ſeems to be even a *Natural* Reaſon againſt *Repentance* in this *Sin*; for where *Shame* accompanies *Sin* there is Ground for *Repentance.* And this is in moſt other *Sins.* But there is no *Shame* in *Rebellion.* No. *Rebels* muſt not be *Aſham'd*! They muſt *Sin* with an *High-Hand*, and *Juſtify*, and *Maintain* it! Make it *Glorious* and *Honorable*, and even the *Inſpiration* of *God*! By this they Gain *Proſelites* and *Propagate.* *Rebellion* begins *In the Name of the LORD*! *Religion* is the Chief *Pretence*! Thus *Satan* Transforms himſelf into an *Angel* of *Light*; and then he is moſt a *Devil.*

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Country-m. Tis a ſign indeed that theſe men are paſt *Shame* (and then we ſay they'r paſt *Grace* too) when with all theſe Horrible *Principles*, they dare ſet up for the *ONLY Support* of the *Crown*, of which they are the *ONLY Enemies*. But *Maſter*, I fancy that they only mean this of *Elective Crowns*, like that in *Poland*. For there the *Voice* of the *People* comes in which is their *Beloved*.

(4.) *Rehearſ.* They that are Enemies to *Monarchy*, can be no *Friends* to a *Crown* any way. But they like that which is *Elective* beſt, for the Reaſon you have given. And if they had their Will, they wou'd bring us into the *Condition* of *Poland*. Where there is *Liberty* and *Property* in *Abundance*! And the *Voice* of the *People*, and their *Hands* too are for *Auguſtus*; and the *Voice* and *Hands* of the *People* are for *Staniſlaus*. And which of theſe are the *People*? That is to be Determin'd by the *Votes* of the *Swedes*, *Saxons*, *Moſcovites*, and *Coſſacks*; and by the *People* the *Poles*, who *Vote* and Fight on *Both* ſides! This is the *People*! and all this is for *Liberty* and *Property* and the Power of the *People*! If *Argument* will not do, let the *Picture* of it perſuade us. Truſt your *Eyes*. Do but *Look* upon it, and *See* the *Effects* of Power in the *People*!

I have ſhew'd you before, *Country-man*, the violent *Puſhes* made by *Obſervators* and *Reviews* againſt the *Heriditary* Entail made of the *Crown* upon the *Iſſue* of the *Queen*, and the *Houſe* of *Hanover*, in Running down all *Hereditary Monarchy*, as an *Encroachment* upon the Power of the *People*. They wou'd have *Kings* Choſen like *Mayors* or *Sherriffs*, that the *People* might have Frequent *Choices*. And have the greater *Power* over their *Kings*. According to the *Title* of one of their Celebrated Pamphlets, *The Worſe TITLE, the better KING*.

(5.) *Country-m.* That is, the better for their *Mumbling*. But, *Maſter*, when they ſay they are the *Preſervation* of the *Government*, they think they have you in upon the *Revolution* and *Revolution-Principles*.

Rehearſ. And I have fully ſhew'd, that they go againſt both, and have *Blacken'd* Both. And that the *Revolution-Principles* went neither upon the *Depoſing* Doctrine, nor Power in the *People*, upon which they put it. And therefore they are not the *Preſervation* but the *Deſtruction* of the *Government*, in Deſtroying thoſe *Principles* upon which it is Founded; and ſetting it upon *Principles* which muſt *Deſtroy* that, and all *Governments* in the World.

Country-m. This ſhews them to be paſt all *Shame* indeed!

(6.) *Rehearſ.* And that they are *Harden'd* from *Repentance*! They are *Reſolv'd* never to *Repent*, to be *Convinc'd*, or to *Confeſs* any thing that makes againſt them! They ſtill deny the *Rye-Houſe-Plot*. The *Obſervator* of the *9th.* of this *Month*, N. 98. calls it, *Something that Some People call'd the RYE-HOUSE-PLOT*. And in the *Obſervator* of the *6th.* N. 97. ſpeaking of his *Tryal*, ſays, *They had a Mind to COLLEDGE me according to the Practice at OXFORD*. This was one of theſe *Conſpirators*, who was *Try'd* and *Executed* there. Now *Country-Man*, this ſame *Conſpiracy* was not only fully *Prov'd*, as you may ſee in the *Account* written of it, but was *Confeſs'd* by thoſe who *Suffer'd* for it, at their *Deaths*. And there are Living *Witneſſes* of theſe *Conſpirators*, to whom I ſtill Appeal. I will Name but *One* now, becauſe he is a Man of *Credit*, the *Principle* of the *College* of *Edinburgh*; And he has Teſtify'd the *Truth* of this *Plot*, upon *Oath*, and from his own *Knowledge*. Which lies in the *Rooks* of the *Privy-Council* in *Scotland*. Yet our *Whiggs* ſtand it out here, againſt Flagrant *Fact*, and their own *Knowledge*, and ſtill Continue to *Deny* and *Redicule* that *Plot*, becauſe it was of their own Making! They Pretend it was a *Court-Plot*. And then they muſt ſay, That the *Court* did *Bribe* ſo many *Whiggs*, to be *Hang'd*, with a *Lie* in their *Mouths*! And *Sacrifice* both *Soul* and *Body* for them at once! For *Them* whom they *Hated*, and ſought, by all means, to *Deſtroy*, that is, for the *Church* and the *Crown*! But to ſhew that theſe Ridiculous *Pretences* are againſt their own *Conſcience* who make them, they put in their *Martyrology* theſe very *Whiggs* who were *Executed* for that *Plot*, and *Confeſs'd* it at their *Death*, and ſay they were *Murder'd*. Their *Names* are ſet down in *Red* Letters as *Martyrs*, in the *Rubrick* of *Partridge* his *Almanacks*. And in the laſt *Reign* the *Whiggs* had *Intereſt* enough to get their *Attainders* taken off, to Clear their *Reputation*!

Country-m. Did they get their *Lying* (as they call it) and their *Confeſſing* the *Plot* taken off too? The *Whiggs* here out-Witted themſelves! They ſhou'd have let their *Aſhes* Reſt. For this makes them now *Self-Condemn'd*, Void of *Shame*! And ſo far paſt *Repentance*, as that they ſhew they are Reſolv'd never to *Repent*!

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